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ENGLAND'S NEW CHRISTMAS

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tirst Born Children More Liable to new method for the detection of tuber- or beauty."

London, Dec. 23.- A custom that is ases to double

Everything that the ingenious mind of modern hotel manager can devise will carry them around in electric lighted trimmings anniers; there will be dances; carol singof Christmas festivity will be observed.

so generally attributed to Charles Dicks sentiment fully developed ens. One might imagine from what one

liging stocking. ever been before. Most of the the tree wear the dark blue of Oxford. for the next few weeks will be devoted to the children. The shops, which are Santa Claus been greater or bette:

who can more truly make merry and reoice in the company of their fellow men nder the paternal influence of a genial nattre d'hôtel than in their own dwelling lace. And surely many diners in resaurants on Christmas night have left the ttle ones, whose Christmas day began ery early in the morning with an inspection of Santa Claus's gifts, fast isleep, and know that by dining out they tre giving their merry Christmas to those he would otherwise be working for

Frof. Pearson's theory that the first orn children of a marriage are more kely to fall victims to consumption than he later born offspring has been freshly tested by Prof. Van der Velden of Frankort from materials furnished by Prof. Riffel of Karlsruhe. The result in the main confirms the older theory in a striking

Prof. Riffel has made exhaustive inmiries in the history of 2,500 country amilies in the matter of inherited tuberculosis. He found that in normal families the fourth, fifth and sixth children were healthier on the average than the first, second or third. While the latter succumbed in a lesser degree to infantile complaints they were far more liable to be killed by consumption. Moreover. they were more subject to other inherited

This seems to be especially the case with the offspring of early marriages. The nferiority of first born children almost tisappears, Prof. Van der Velden says, when the father is over twenty-eight and the mother over twenty-five.

it is interesting to find that according o the latest German statistics people n Europe, contrary to the general belief, marry younger than their grandfathers. in 1867 in Germany the average age of he husband was 30 and of the wife 27.4 years. Now the average bridegroom s 28.9 years and the average bride 25.7 liese figures hold good both for the rban and the rural population.

In other European countries, if the ferman statistics are to be relied upon, he marrying age is also declining, with he sole exception of the United Kingdom. these earlier marriages do not, however send up the birth rate, which in all Eurocan countries is falling steadily.

H. W. Lucy, dean of the House of Comons reporters, who has known every ominent politician for the last quarter f a century, continues his reminiscences the Cornhill Magazine. He gives the following as Mr. Gladstone's charac-eristic summary of King Edward, given marently about 1887:

A shrewd man, a keen observer, full fact, always educating himself without liberately sitting down to learn a lesson rely opening a book, but keeping himsaif an courant with whatever is going n in the world, and when the time comes thim to take his part in public business ing it thoroughly."

The fight against the white death is eing vigorously pursued on this side. nder a new regulation of the English cal Government Board notification tuberculosis to the author ties has been

ade compulsory. from Paris comes the report that at meeting of the Academy of Medicine . Alexander Marmorek communicated new discovery he had made in the treatent of the disease. He has proved the resence of tuberculous bacilli in minute recimens of the blood, &c., by means of nemical reaction with the Marmorek serum. A few drops of animal blood the used as an agent, which if they reain undissolved indicate the presence the disease. The method has been

centage of possible error.

Dr. Marmorek expressed the opinion Disease-America's Colors Predomi- culosis differed from that hitherto em-

in the Fight for Reform-Francis and took place in the test tube. The value Joseph's Jubilee Gifts-Cuit of Social of his discovery lay in the fact that not silence-Joan of Arc's Beatification. the harmless tubercles but only those in an active condition were indicated.

His method also enabled the very slighthe growth of recent years, the restautest indications of disease to be detected. Christmas dinner party, will thus placing the physician in a position e more in evidence in London this to deal with the illness in its earliest hristmas than ever it was before. For stages and greatly improving the chance weeks past every seet in the big West of cure. The system also facilitated ob-End restaurants has been engaged. The servation of the most minute changes iemand has been so great that the price in the course of the disease which would of dinner has been increased, in some enable the comparative effect of different curative applications to be noted.

The Cologne Gazette, in which one be done to entertain the diners. The expexts to find inspired political informalest of bands will play to them, concert tion, rather than the frivolities of femiartica will sing, brilliantly illuminated nine fashions, has been turning its attenchristmas trees will bear pre eats for tion to the hats of German women, and he women or gilt shod ponies will drawing a moral from the colors of the

The editor has reviewed fifty-eight ers will sing the traditional Christmes hats. Of these he found that forty-five arols, and most of the traditional forms had a national significance of some sort. Taking the colors in the order of predomi-That all this should take piece in nance he found that twenty-three reprecowded public restaurants has caused sented American colors, fifteen French, a good deal of talking and writing of "the four English, two Norwegian and only one decay of home life" and much lamentation the colors of the Fatherland, red, white over the loss of the true spirit of Ch is times, and black. From this he concludes that the reinvention of which in mode a times German women have not the national

One imagines that a more natural exhears and reads that all adult England planation is that the blond beauties of cargo has just been cleared up. On De- who were found dead in the field. was going to dine at the Savoy on Christmas the Rhine select their hat triminings cember 13 the Great Central Railway Comnight, while a generation of children that rather with a view to suiting their com- pany's steamer Ashton, from Antwerp, the militant leader of the reform movemows not Santa Claus had gone unkissed prexions than expressing their patriot- anchored off Grimsby and signalled for a ment, who has been regarded for some o bed in nurseries that had neve seen a ism. Fair English women, it is known, medical officer to come aboard. Five time past by the people as the one and But all such talk is absolutely wide of blue of Cambridge, at the time of the boat two women and a boy, all Russians on appears that two days after the Shah had he mark. All over the world to-day is race or cricket match, though their mas- their way to the United States, had died annulled the constitution previously the day of the child in a way that it has culine friends support if they do not within an hour of one another that morn- granted, Ain-ed-Dowleh, the Shah's com-

malign the restaurant diner. The growth aunt. These ladies have banded them- fumes from the ship's cargo. the restaurant Christmas dinner selves together with the object of creat-

'It is practically confined to the great A committee of artists will be formed who testified that he had never seen it before; to about two thousand. he keepers of Christmas at home. In safely be predicted that society will fol- to this chemical's dangerous properties. these great cities too there must be many low in their wake. Queen Elena is known Expert evidence was given to the effect

tried in 600 cases, with only a small per- to entertain very strong opinions of the that it was composed of iron, silicon, carsubject, and is reported to have said:

that this method of diagnosis might be women, who possess such a keen appre- retted hydrogen, phosphoretted hydrogen applied to other diseases. To the Paris ciation of art, should submit to the vul- acetylene, pure hydrogen, and sulphu-IHE DECAY OF HOME LIFE. correspondent of the Vienna Neue Freie gar and ridiculous caprices of a group of retted hydrogen. The first is so poison-Presse Dr. Marmorek explained that his foreign tailors who have no idea of art ous that its discoverer, Gahlen, died after

nant in German Women's Hats—Italon physiological observation, whereas world of feminine fashions is a matter that
In less than ship's Deadly Cargo Persian Women his was applied externally to the patient will be fought out in the very near future.

has been attracted by the attempted desection of members of the French Foreign Legion. On each occasion the deserters have been for the most part Germans, and some surprise has been expressed that there chould be so many Germans in this famous fighting force of France.
The explanation is simble enough—Abace—
The verdict returned by t A few years ago statistics were pub-

the remainder 12 per cent, came from Germany, 8 per cent, from Switzerland and 7 per cent, from Belgium, France and Italy each furnished 5 per cent., Austria and Holland 4 per cent.

In 1831, when the legion was founded, one of the seven battalions consisted entirely of Germans, who until 1870 largely predominated. Since the Franco-Prussian war the German element has been swamped by recruits from the lost provdeserters from the Kaiser's legions, moree-pecially from Bavaria and Saxony. The legion is entirely office, ed by Frenchmen. who speak most highly of the German rank and file.

have a great predilection for the light of the six steerage passengers, two men, only possible deliverer of Persia. It ing from a mysterious malady

The present exaggerated feminine from a cholera epidemic, the vessel was a loss of 100 killed and wounded on the tocked year by year at this time by the fashions of Paris are finding formidable at once placed in quarantine. At the first revolutionaries. Then Sate Khan headed great and good Santa Claus, are choked opponents at the Italian court in the per- post-mortem examination of the bodies a sortie from the town. om morning till night, and never has sons of Queen Elena, the Dowager Queen traces of ptomaine poisoning were be-Margherita, the Duchess of Aosta and lieved to have been found, but now it charged the Shah's troops, including the As a matter of fact these pessimists Genoa and the Princess Letitia, the King's has come out that the deaths were due to Russian General Laikoff's Cossacks, took

bon, phosphorus and arsenic. Five gase "It is simply unbearable that Italian emanated from the mixture - arseniuinhaling one bubble of it. The next three So whether Rome is going to dethrone are all poisonous, and pure hydrogen is

In less than twenty-four hours the nine tons of ferrosilicon would generate 110 feet of extremely deadly gas, assuming Twice recently a good deal of attention it was dry. But if moist there would be three times the volume of gas, sufficient to kill a hundred people.

The symptoms in such a case might be mistaken for cholera or ptomaine poisoning. The gas decomposed the blood and caused death. Persons poisoned by such

The verdict returned by the jury was Lo waine, the loct provinces of France. that death was due to the inhalation of poisonous gases. They exonerated the lished showing the nationality of the captain from blame. The Coroner added members of the legion, and it was seen that it was the first time in England that that Alsace-Lorraine furnished 45 per death had been proved to be due to ferrocent, of the 12,000 men who formed it. Of silicon, which ought not to be carried in ships used for passengers.

> It is a remarkable sign of the times that even in eastern countries such as Turkey and Persia the women are in the van of the political movements of the

In Persia they take part in the struggle for a constitution, and that they are willing and ready to lay down their lives inces, but there is a steady yearly flow of for the cause is shown by a report from Petersburg Russ, according to which, after the latest fight that took place outside the city of Tabriz between the Royalists and the constitutional forces, the casualties among the latter included A remarkable mystery of a ship's deadly sixty-seven women disguised as men

mander, took the offensive, advanced As Russia has been suffering lately on Tabriz and shelled the town, inflicting

His horsemen, covered by artillery them by surprise and routed them. The The Ashton carried nine tons of ferro- revolutionaries followed up their victory, should rather make the heart of the ing distinctive Italian fashions, in which, silicon in barrels, and anything more pursuing Ain-ed-Dowleh's troops for hristmas lover rejoice. It shows the according to the Queen, "respect for beauty dangerous in the way of cargo cannot thirteen miles and capturing twelve ncrease rather than the decrease of the on artistic lines will never be lost sight well be imagined. This substance is used guns, besides provisions and ammuniin the manufacture of steel. The captain tion. The casualties on both sides amount

ties, where on any given day there must will produce strictly original designs for all he had been told was that it was liable For the moment affairs have quieted e many sojourners of the moment whose hats and costumes. These designs the to explode if confined and to catch fire if down, but it can only be a lull before a bristmas revelry in a restaurant serves royal ladies and the ladies of the court wet, but he was not aware of an existing greater storm. The news of the severe put them more closely in touch with will scrupulously follow, and it may notice of the Board of Trade in relation defeat of the Shah's troops has spread

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